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The Barbara Bush Library Friends Book Report

Building a better library one book at a time

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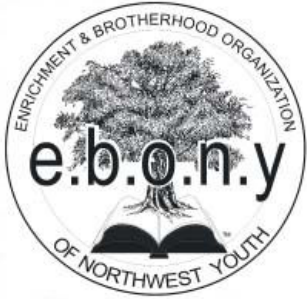
African American Read-In

The day was a WIN-WIN-WIN for the library, E.B.O.N.Y., and our community. Over 120 adults, teens, and children participated in this year's event on February 8. Videos of excerpts from some of the author presentations that day are now on the Barbara Bush Library website at <http://www.hcpl.net/branchinfo/cc/ccinfo.htm>

According to Judith Marshall, President of the E.B.O.N.Y. organization that co-sponsored this event with the Friends of the Barbara Bush Library, "Since one of our goals is to encourage children to take pride in their cultural identity by securing a greater knowledge of their heritage and its relationship to other cultures, we think the Read-In is an excellent event to achieve this goal. It not only promotes literacy in the African American community,

but it also highlights the accomplishments of African American authors. Although we co-sponsor a Martin Luther King, Jr. program in January, we always like to do something with the children during Black History Month, and the Read-In is held in February."

In terms of support for the African American literary community, the BBL Friends assisted with the sale of \$565 in books for the authors. Thanks to everyone in the Friends who helped with publicity, planning, and bookselling.



Oswald Scott motivates teens with a presentation on his book "The Promise." The teen session was held at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts.



Kathy Culmer tells the children about the role folk tales had in passing on history and culture.



Authors in attendance
at the Read-In (L to R)

- Dr. Janice Beal
- Attorney and CEO Oswald Scott
- Storyteller Kathy Culmer
- Entrepreneur Gwen Richardson
- Popular fiction author ReShonda Tate Billingsley
- Judge Vanessa Gilmore

AARP Tax Help
Barbara Bush
Library
Through
April 15, 2008



AARP volunteers will continue to provide tax preparation assistance to individuals. Assistance is on a first come first served basis and no phone calls are accepted by the AARP volunteers.

The hours are
Mondays 1-8 p.m.
Tuesdays 12-4 p.m.
Saturdays 12-4 p.m.



**Young Adult
Author Visit**
Cynthia Leitich Smith
April 3, 4 p.m.

Cynthia's fiction is noted for its diversity, humor, lyricism, and mid-to-southwestern settings. Still early in her career, she has shown tremendous range and loves to experiment.

Cynthia's first upper YA novel is TANTALIZE, a gothic fantasy aimed at ages 14-up. It's TANTALIZE is set in Austin, where she now makes her home. TANTALIZE was named a Borders Original Voices Nominee in March 2007 and Chapters (Canadian bookstore chain) named it a Junior Advisory Board Pick. It was chosen for the 2007 Texas Book Festival and the 2007 National Book Festival. The Bloomsbury Review cheers, "Cynthia Leitich Smith is the Anne Rice for teen readers." Cynthia's latest YA gothic fantasy is ETERNAL (Candlewick, 2009), a companion book to TANTALIZE.



**Spotlight on Local
Authors**
Bonner Cutting
March 29, 2 p.m.

Bonner Cutting has studied the question of the authorship of the Shakespeare Canon for several decades. Mrs. Cutting is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Shakespeare Fellowship and President of the Lone Star Shakespeare Roundtable. She has recently presented papers on the authorship question at Concordia University in Portland, OR, at the 2008 conference on authorship studies held in White Plains, NY and the Shakespeare Authorship Roundtable in Los Angeles, CA.

Trained as a concert pianist, Bonner Cutting graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Tulane University. She holds a Masters of Music degree in piano performance from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA where she served as adjunct faculty after her graduation. Now retired from her teaching career, she continues to adjudicate piano festivals and auditions for the National Guild of Piano Teachers and other musical organizations in the Houston area.

Refreshments provided by BB Library Friends.

Art Displays at the Library

Second Floor Art Alcove has a fantastic display of two nature photographers. Jim Kelly, who does birds, wildlife, and landscapes. James Dugat who does dragonflies, butterflies and other winged creatures.

The Northwest Harris County Porcelain Art Guild has an exhibit of ceramics in the glass showcase in the lobby.

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Chess and Go Club

Every Wednesday, 4:30-6 p.m.
March 4, 11, 18, 25

Teen Arcade Day

Saturday, March 7, 3-4:30 p.m.

Sam T's SAT Prep: Practice Test

March 8 & March 9 1-3 p.m.
Must Register

Teen Movie Day

Thursday, March 12
2-4 p.m.

SAT Prep. Hosted by Princeton Review

Saturday, March 21, Part 1
Saturday, March 28, Part 2
Must Register

Note Taking Workshop

Wed., March 25 6:30-8 p.m.
Must Register

Home School Book Club

Thursday, March 19
10-11:15 a.m.

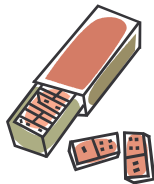
Read a book you love and be ready to share it with a friend.

Saturday Book Club

Saturday, March 21, 1-2 p.m.
"Blue Bloods"
by Melissa de la Cruz



Happy Players Wednesday's 10:30 a.m. to noon Earl Elliott Room



Seniors take a mid-week break at the library to enjoy games, coffee, and conversation. Cards, checkers, chess, and dominos are provided or bring your own games.

Coffee, tea, and light snacks are served. Drop-in and share a relaxing morning.



Computer Classes at the Library

Dave Smith, computer instructor, teaches seven different computer classes.



- ☞ Email
- ☞ MS Word
- ☞ MS Excel
- ☞ Computer Basics
- ☞ Introduction to the Internet
- ☞ Powerpoint
- ☞ Publisher

Each class meets for one 2-hour session. As class size is limited to 12 people, pre-registration is required for each class.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the library at 281-376-4610 for more information and to register for a class.

The classes are held in the Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab.

Check out the on-line registration on the HCPL website <http://www.hcpl.net/calendar.php>.

Please call 24 hours in advance if it is necessary to cancel registration for a class (218) 376-4610.

Knowledge Exchange Friday's, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Earl Elliott Room



All ages welcome to this knitting, crocheting, and conversation group. Come help us make lap blankets for veterans.

Help us make lap blankets for Veterans and chemo caps for M.D. Anderson patients. We are also collecting items for a soldier we have adopted in Afghanistan. Please bring cards, books, toiletries or hard candy. For more information call Shawn or Val at 281-376-4610.

Please come by 4 p.m. if you want assistance in learning to knit or crochet.

Electronic Resources Database Demo Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m. Computer Lab

Help!

Would you like to use a study guide that not only tells you if you got the answer right but explains why the correct answer is right? A study guide that you can stop and start according to YOUR schedule? Would you like to learn a foreign language (or English as a second language) even late at night or on holidays? Now you can!

Not only does Harris County Public Library subscribe to a variety of databases that provide full-text magazine, journal, & newspaper articles, automotive schematics, business directory & research information, etc., but the library also subscribes to services which provide full-text books including illustrations in such popular areas as study guides for tests such as THEA, GED, some TAKS, biography, and literary criticism.

Come see how to use Learning Express Library, Mango Languages, the Literature Resource Center, InfoTrac Newspapers, & eLibrary at our E-Books (Reference & Study Guides) Database Demo presentation on Saturday March 28, 2009 at 11 AM in the second Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab.

Please call 281-376-4610 to register or go to this website: <http://www.hcpl.net/calendar.php>

Tremendous Tuesdays
Eight 2 Twelve Club
Make Your Own Birdhouse
March 3, 4:30 p.m.

3 D Butterfly Craft
March 10, 4:30 p.m.

Silly Science!
Playing with Colors
March 17, 4:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 12
Robin Bush Children's Activity Room

Spring Break



St. Patrick's Day Craft
Wednesday, March 11, 3 p.m.

Puppet Show
"The Little Rabbit Who
Wanted Red Wings"
Wednesday, March 18, 3 p.m.



Robin Bush Children's Activity Room

Patriotic Celebration



Red, White, and Blue Snacks and a Sing-a-Long



Creating a Red, White, and Blue
Patriotic Wreath



Signing the Declaration of Independence
and a photo op with Presidents Lincoln and Obama



Pinning the Hat on
President Lincoln

Volunteer Opportunities Available

The Barbara Bush Library Friends need volunteers to assist with Special Events such as: Book Fairs, Open House, Gift Wrap at Barnes & Noble, and more.

If you have an hour or two to spare we welcome your assistance. Please contact Susan Greer at the Library 281-376-4610. The best time to call is in the afternoon between 12 - 4 p.m.

Barbara Bush Library Friends Membership Application



Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

New Membership

Renewal Membership

\$25 (minimum) \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

I am interested in BBLF Volunteer Special Events Publicity Fundraising

Book Store Library Volunteer (Shelving, Mending) ESL Program

**Please make checks payable to BBLF and mail to
Barbara Bush Library Friends, 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379**

Book Clubs for Adults at the Library

Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m.

The Evening Book Club will discuss *The Fiction Club* by Susan Breen. "Teaching a fiction writing class on the Upper West Side, Arabella Hicks finds her life in turmoil as she spends time with her argumentative mother in a nursing home on the same day she teaches her class, but as her class takes an unexpected turn and the lessons spill over into her weekly visits, she finds the key to her mother's love and her own inspiration." The book club meets the second Tuesday of each month on the second floor of the library in the WCR Conference Room.

The April selection is a movie - TBA

Monday, March 16, 7 p.m.

The Great Books Discussion Group will discuss *Iphigeneia at Aulis* by Euripides.

The Discussion Group meets in the WCR Conference Room. The Group meets on the third Monday of each month from 7-8:45 p.m.

The selection for April is *Politics by Aristotle*.

For more information please call
Earl Bissex 281-955-9447

Thursday, March 26, 1:30 p.m.

The Afternoon Book Club will discuss *The Sparrow* by Maria Russell Doria. "*The Sparrow*, an astonishing literary debut, takes you on a journey to a distant planet and to the center of the human soul. It is the story of a charismatic Jesuit priest and linguist, Emilio Sandoz, who leads a twenty-first-century scientific mission to a newly discovered extraterrestrial culture. Sandoz and his companions are prepared to endure isolation, hardship and death, but nothing can prepare them for the civilization they encounter, or for the tragic misunderstanding that brings the mission to a catastrophic end. Once considered a living saint, Sandoz returns alone to Earth physically and spiritually maimed, the mission's sole survivor--only to be accused of heinous crimes and blamed for the mission's failure." (HCPL Catalog).

As part of The Big Read, the April selections are *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and *Mockingbird: a portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles Shields. The April meeting will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. Please call 281-376-4610 and ask for Nancy Agafitei for more details.



Note Cards For Sale

The Barbara Bush Library Friends will sell note cards made from four images in the Niki Rogers Memorial Mural in the Children's Services area. The cards will be shrink-wrapped in packages of eight, and will sell for \$8 a package. The inside is blank, so they can be used for Christmas cards, birthday cards, thank-you notes, or anything else you wish.

There are three package choices:

- (1) Two each of all four images
- (2) Eight copies of the reading tree
- (3) Eight copies of the "historic Klein" image

To purchase sets of the cards, you can either place an order online at bblf@bblf.org or purchase from the Friends Bookstore within the library. If you order online you must make payment and pick-up at the Barbara Bush Library Friends, 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379. Payment can be made with cash or check.



Information for Persons with Disabilities
 Harris County Public Library will make reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. To make a request please notify the Branch Librarian or call the Harris County ADA Coordinator at 713-755-4396 (voice) or 713-755-5005 (TDD) or 1-800-RELAYTX.

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Barbara Bush Library Friends

Cypress Creek Friends of the Library
 dba Barbara Bush Library Friends

The BBLF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to promote the development of library facilities; to augment the services of such facilities; and thus to enrich the cultural opportunities available to residents of the Cypress Creek area.

**The Barbara Bush Library is located at
 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379
 281.376.4610 www.bblf.org**